

BRUCE GRIT NAILS A LIE.

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Tammany organization in New York City. Every Irishman in it would throw up the sponge, and the Dagones would start race war instant. These politicians generally lack the element of consistency. Why should Mr. Lee's organization be more highly favored in the matter of patronage than white democratic organizations in New York that count? Does anybody know? The statement is pure, unadulterated rot. The Negro clergyman of New York who some times find time to dabble in politics, have, it is feared, greatly hindered the prospects of colored men getting employment on the tunnel by heading delegations of chair sweepers and orators to wait upon Mr. Belmont in his office and Mr. McDonald the contractor, to urge the employment of colored men. There has been it appears very little if any understanding among these delegations as to what they really wanted. Each of them represented a different set of ideas and men, and the result has been "confusion worse confounded." Mr. Lee won't get two thousand places nor two hundred for that matter, because the contractor who is under heavy bond for the faithful performance of the work, is not under pledge to any political organization to provide for their strikers and heelers. It's about time to call in that lie about Lee's two thousand places. Next!

I am in receipt of a copy of Afro-American Camp Fires, which is advertised in The Colored American, and I wish to say for the benefit of those who have not read the book that I have never read a more interesting or instructive work concerning the achievements of Negro soldiers and sailors. The book is handsomely gotten up, well printed and bound, and will be a valuable addition to any library.

As a reference book, the old veterans of the war of rebellion and students of Negro history will find it particularly useful and valuable. The publishers of the Outlook which is one of the best periodicals published have kindly sent me the Outlook for April 7th, which contains a well written sketch of the Negro artist, H. O. Tanner, now in Paris and a handsome half-tone reproductions of two of his masterpieces "The raising of Lazarus," and "The Annunciation," together with a portrait of Mr. Tanner. Mr. Tanner is married to a French lady, Mme. Benjamin Constant Gerome. The article is a most interesting one and is knock-out blow to Ben Tillman, who had one of his lamps put out by a Negro woman whom he was trying to flog some years ago and which probably accounts for his vile, venal and blackguard allusions to the Negro. From Messrs. Small, Maynard and Co., Boston, comes an anonymous publication "A Woman's Paris," price \$1.25, designed as a guide for visitors to the Paris Exposition with big hearts and small purses. It is written in an attractive and catchy style and contains a great deal of inside information about Paris, its hotels, its cabs, places of amusement, boarding houses, cafes and the Exposition. To the tenderfoot contemplating a visit to "gay Paris" this book will prove a blessing and a boon, and teach him how to economize and have a high old time at a small outlay.

From E. B. Treat and Co., New York, price \$2.00, comes "Heredity and Morals," a book worth its weight in gold from the pen of James Foster

Scott, M. D., C. M., of the University of Edinburgh. This work is written for a purpose and the purpose is to make men see with clearer vision the danger in the fashionable habit of sowing "wild oats," not only to themselves but to their posterity. The author says in his preface, "This book contains much plain talking for which I offer no defense. Its justification will be found in the body of the work. To see men give rein to their animal passions, subjecting themselves and others to so many risks of which they are ignorant is intensely saddening."

Every man of family and every young man who contemplates marriage will find much in "Heredity and Morals" by which he can be instructed and if he will follow its teachings, will be a wiser and better man for having read it. I cannot too earnestly commend this book to all those who would know the truth and walk in its path.

From C. J. Clay and Son, Cambridge University Press, London England, comes "The Extinction of the Churches in North Africa" by L. R. Holmes, B. A. This work won the Mulsean prize in 1895. It is a critical historical review of the rise and fall of the Christian churches in North Africa and is particularly valuable for its wealth of historical data, with which it abounds.

Mr. W. H. Johnson and a goodly number of public spirited colored citizens of Albany will have a joint celebration at the Hamilton Street A. M. E. church, May 9th to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Brown, and the passage of the Ellsberg school bill. Prominent speakers will deliver addresses and appropriate resolutions will be offered and adopted. The spirit of this celebration is most commendable and praiseworthy, and refutes the charge that the Negro lacks the element of gratitude. Mr. Johnson appears to have infused a great deal of life into the affair, and if the weather is favorable it will doubtless prove a great success.

The colored citizens of Pensacola, Florida, will celebrate the day on a grand scale. I have good reports from there. Much of the success of the Florida celebration is due to the intelligent efforts of Hon. M. M. Lewey, the hustling and enterprising editor of The Sentinel.

The turning down of M. S. Quay is only temporary. He will probably hold somebody responsible at a most inopportune time. He isn't dead yet, and the chances are that he will be one of the honorary pall bearers at a big funeral to be announced later. All sickness isn't death—not by a jug full.

One of the most enjoyable surprise parties given in Albany in a long while was that tendered Miss Anna Moore of Cleveland, Ohio, by a host of friends, chief among whom was Miss Sylvia Ferman and Miss Nettie Van Allen, at the residence of W. H. Van Alstyne, Esq., 19 North Knox street. A short time since the affair was most successfully arranged and carried out, and was truly a surprise to Miss Moore, so much so that when her friends who called for her to take her out for a walk returned with her later in the evening and ushered her into the big dining room full of merry makers and a bountiful laden table containing a cake with a lighted candle for every year Miss Moore had been on earth. (I didn't count the candles.) She burst into tears of gratefulness and couldn't "speak" herself for sobbing. It was so sudden, don't you know. A splendid supper was served later on and everybody congratulated Miss Moore and told her they were glad she was alive.

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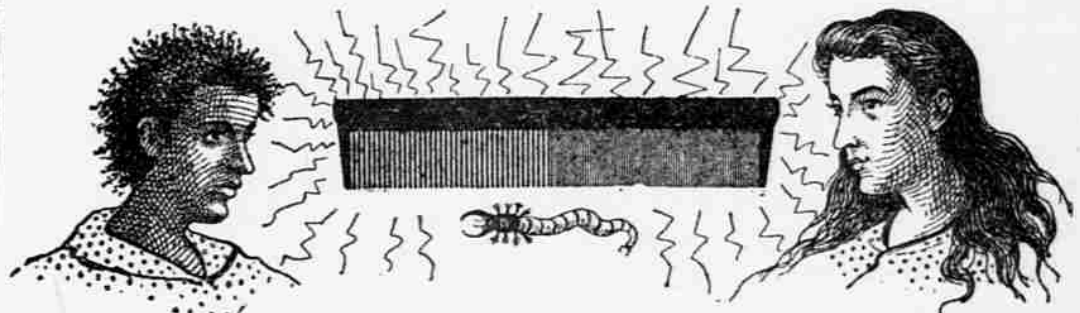
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